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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Internal Revenue Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

A jury today found Christian Quevedo guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States, and of ten counts of filing false claims against the United States, following a four day trial. Trial was held in federal court in Lincoln, the Honorable Judge Richard Kopf presiding. Quevedo and co-defendant Carlos Carpio jointly filed false income tax returns in 2006 and 2007 on behalf of themselves and others. The income tax returns were false because they substituted false employers in place of the taxpayers' true employer, inflated wages and tax withholdings, and reported fictitious moving, medical, and unreimbursed employee business expenses. The net result of these misrepresentations was to claim a large tax refund, when either no refund, or a much smaller refund, was actually due.

The other individuals, whose names were used when these phony tax returns were filed, were all citizens of the Republic of Peru who had been in the United States on temporary work visas and had returned to Peru, or who were in the United States going to school. None of them knew Quevedo and Carpio had filed false tax returns using their names. Quevedo, 28 years old, and Carpio, are also from Peru, but were living in Lincoln during the time of the conspiracy. The ten false claims presented at trial pertained to tax returns which presented false incomes totaling more than one-half million dollars, and made claims for fictitious tax refunds totaling \$53,788.

Carpio pled guilty to the conspiracy on May 20, 2010, and is scheduled to be sentenced on June 18, 2010. Quevedo is scheduled to be sentenced on September 3, 2010. Quevedo faces a maximum penalty of ten years incarceration on the conspiracy charge, and five years incarceration on each of the false claims counts.

"Refunds are issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them," said Toni Weirauch, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation. "The IRS is vigilant in our investigation of these types of tax refund schemes and we will continue to work with the United States Attorney's Office to combat this type of criminal conduct."

Name of Defendant: Christian Quevedo

AKA:

Age: 28

City of Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Conspiracy to Defraud - 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment. And False, Fictitious, Fraudulent Claims - 5 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Carlos Carpio

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 02/2006 - 04/2007

Federal Arrest Date: 10/27/2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 10/21/2009

Initial Appearance Date: 10/27/2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 06/07 through 06/11/10

Sentencing Date: 09/03/2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Sentencing to be held 09/03/2010

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: 10/27/2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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